Project Connect: Helpful Hints for Learning Facilitators

PROJECT CONNECT 2003

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Thanks for joining us in this wonderful adventure called service-learning – we absolutely couldn't do this project without you! The following are some helpful hints to make this experience pleasant and safe for all involved. . .

- Remember, you are a role model for your students your attitude will be infectious!
- Please do not take students out for "treats" (drive-through food, etc.). Not all groups will have time for this and it causes problems when they return to school with food.
- Drive or walk safely, following all "rules of the road."
- Use travel time to talk with students (avoid the urge to turn the radio on. . .)

Some sure-fire ideas for conversation starters:

- Learn names quickly ask each student to tell you something about her/himself that will help you remember their name
- Why did students choose to work at the site they chose?
- What excites/scares them about service-learning
- What have they learned about issues so far. . .what questions remain?
- What is their favorite subject in school?
- · What do they do during their free time?
- What will they do for spring break next week?
- What are they looking forward to/scared about going to high school next year?

DATES OF SERVICE:

| Fairhaven Middle School (Tuesdays) | Shuksan Middle School (Fridays) |
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| April 15 | April 18 |
| April 22 | April 25 |
| April 29 | May 2 |
| May 6 | May 9 |
| May 13 | May 17 |
| May 20 | May 23 |

JOURNAL RESPONSES:

The student journals will be in file boxes on the table outside of Miller Hall 306. They will be on campus on Friday mornings – please return your groups' journals to the boxes prior to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays. In your responses to them, please feel free to comment on their ideas, raise questions, give new info. Reading student journals will give you some good ideas about what to discuss with them during the next week's site visit!

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION:

Your students are counting on you being here every site visit, on time. If an unforeseen emergency arises and you simply can't make it, be sure to call 676-6450 ext. 4652.

HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH STUDENTS!

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